

Scottish Economic Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

9th April 2025, 10.45pm

1. President's Welcome

Professor Brown welcomed members to the AGM

2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Members were reminded that the minutes of the 2024 AGM were on the SES webpages. The 2024 minutes were approved and there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. President's Report

Professor Brown reported on the 2025 conference and other activities. She expressed her gratitude to Justine Wood and David Jaeger for their efforts in compiling the conference programme and particularly to David Jaeger as this would be his final year of conference organisation. Formal feedback on the conference would be gathered via a post conference survey. The 2026 conference would remain in Glasgow to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Wealth of Nations. The dates of the conference would be the 13 to 15th April and three key notes had already been confirmed including Jeff Wooldridge, Jonathan Haskel and Mairi Spowage. Society support for teachers and schools events continue with support being provided for an event to be held at the University of Stirling. The AGM was reminded that the Society has a formal process for considering nominations for the fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS). Two nominations had been received in 2025, and it was agreed that both be submitted with SES support. Professor Brown also updated the AGM on the SES small grants scheme and noted the pickup in applications. All applications would be assessed by a subcommittee of the SES Council and awards would be made on a competitive basis. The deadlines for applications are the end of September, the end of January and the end of April.

4. Secretary's Report and Council Membership

The Secretary reported that there had been four Council meetings since the last AGM at which the matters discussed included the events referred to by the President. No constitutional issues had arisen during the year and the Society was in good standing with the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

On Council membership, two vacancies were announced on 28 February for two new members. The deadline for nominations was the 10th of March and four nominations were submitted. An election was held using OpaVote with a deadline of Friday 28th of March. Turnout was approximately 30% with 73 members voting. Rachel Forshaw and Anthoulla Phella were elected and their membership was formally approved by the AGM.

On Society membership the latest update from Wiley publishers indicates 254 members of the SES compared to 278 this time last year.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer summarised the accounts for 2024 and stated that the Society is in good financial standing. Both expenditure and income had increased resulting in a financial surplus for 2024 of approximately £15,000 compared to just over £33,000 in 2023. This financial standing enables the Society to support activities including the small grants scheme.

6. SJPE Editor's Report

D. Jaeger provided an update and stated that there were few changes to the editorial team since the last AGM. There was an upcoming special issue on Ukraine and the special issue on gender norms appeared in February. New special issues are encouraged, and the members were encouraged to put forward any proposals.

7. Any other business

There were no other matters.

8. Date of next meeting

The precise date of the 2025 AGM was still to be decided but would in any case take place during the 2026 Annual Conference.